

CITY OF SAUGATUCK  
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN  
STATE OF MICHIGAN

PROCLAMATION NO. 130812-P1

MAYORS PROCLAMATION:  
"A PROCLAMATION OF APPRECIATION"

**WHEREAS**, in August and September 1953 over thirty local artists exhibited in the Home Towns Art Exhibit in the upper rooms of the Saugatuck Village Hall, and over fourteen hundred visitors came to see the exhibit, and

**WHEREAS**, Chicago and Douglas illustrator, etcher and painter Nat Steinberg wrote a letter to the editor in the September 4, 1953 *Commercial Record* suggesting that the artists of the Saugatuck-Douglas area form an art group to continue the fellowship that had developed during the exhibit, and

**WHEREAS**, a group of artists from the two villages met in the upstairs meeting hall of the Saugatuck Village Hall on September 4, 1953 and formed the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club, and

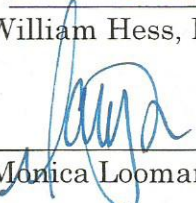
**WHEREAS**, the founding meeting elected painter and ceramics artist Jean Goldsmith as president, painter and historian May Francis Heath as secretary, and painter Marguerite Bainbridge as treasurer, and

**WHEREAS**, the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club continues to this day, and has the purpose of stimulating and encouraging the creation, study and presentation of the performing and creative arts, encouraging public interest in the cultural heritage of the area, and encouraging freedom of artistic expression, and

**WHEREAS**, in pursuit of that purpose the Saugatuck Douglas Art Club has served as an incubator, sponsor and supporter of new arts organizations in its artistically vibrant hometowns, has supported local cultural and educational projects benefiting the community's students and the general public of the area, has responded to needs that the visual art programs in the Saugatuck School District may have, has granted hundreds of thousands of dollars to local students pursuing arts education in degree-granting programs, has helped develop the Saugatuck-Douglas area as an art vacation destination, and has significantly given back to the community, and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the City of Saugatuck names Wednesday, September 4, 2013 as Saugatuck Douglas Art Club day in the City of Saugatuck, in honor of the Art Club's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Signed:  Dated 08.02.2013  
William Hess, Mayor

Signed:  Dated 8.2.13  
Monica Looman, City Clerk

